The Field Museum

Natural News

Weekly Staff Newsletter
February 11, 2000

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Cellular One announces promotion

Cellular One is now offering a limited-time special promotion for employees through March 25. For more information about these rates stop by Human Resources.

A jewel of a film for next week's movie night

The Social Events Committee invites you to another monthly movie night on Wednesday, February 16. Join us as we present *The Thomas Crown Affair*, starring Pierce Brosnan and Rene Russo. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. by the West Entrance. We will be selling $1 sodas and $2 beer/wine. The movie will follow in Montgomery Ward Hall at 6 p.m.

Already seen the movie? Hang out and mingle during our social hour as drinks will be sold until 7 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Submitted by the Social Events Committee

Noon seminar to feature research on insects

The Thursday at noon seminar for February 17 will be given by Dr. Eric Larsen, senior lecturer at the University of Chicago. His title is: "Guild Structure and Phylogeography of Backswimmers (Heteroptera: Notonectidae)." Join us in the Zoology classroom to learn more about these unusual insects.

Submitted by Bill Burger

FIELD NOTES

Week of February 14

Staff/Volunteer Events

Tae Bo Class
- Monday, 5 p.m., Ground Floor East

Aerobics Class
- Tuesday, 5 p.m., Ground Floor East
- Thursday, 5 p.m., Ground Floor East

Green Sheet Meeting
- Wednesday, 3 p.m., Special Events

Movie Night:
The Thomas Crown Affair
- Wednesday, 5 p.m., West Entrance

Staff & Volunteer Preview: Masks
- Friday, 10 a.m.

Public Events/Campus Events

Education Overnight
- Friday evening to Saturday

Redmoon Puppet Performance
- Saturday and Sunday
  11 a.m., 12:30 and 1 p.m.

Releasing the Spirits of Sounds
- Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m.

The **Natural News** is published every Friday and edited by Rodger Patience in the Development department. Send stories, artwork, ideas to patience@fmnh.org or call ext. 7286. The deadline for each week's issue is Wednesday at noon.

THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS!

If you haven't had Sue's imminent arrival on your radar screen, the appearance this week of the big white box in Stanley Field Hall must have been a shock to the system. To minimize future shocks and to keep everyone informed about what's happening with Sue, each issue of the *Natural News* from now until the May 17 unveiling will include a Sue Countdown feature, offering project updates and news of interest to staff and volunteers. If you have suggestions for future Countdown features, please call Maureen King at ext.7411.

In the meantime, if you have pressing questions related to the Sue project and its events and activities and aren't sure who to ask, here's a run-down of who to go to with questions:

Overall issues:	Amy Louis, ext.7296 Carrie Hageman, ext. 7295
Opening events coordination:	Maureen King, ext.7411
Construction-related issues:	Eric Frazer, ext.7350
Exhibit content:	Barbara Ceiga, ext. 7328
Education programming:	Dina Zissimopoulos, ext.7529
Public relations/advertising:	Pat Kremer, ext.7103

FINANCE

Move will affect due dates for P.O.s, Payment Approval forms

Please be advised that the Finance department will begin preparation to move on Wednesday, February 16 and will change the cut off time for Payment approvals to Tuesday, February 15 at 4:30. Purchasing will not issue any purchase order numbers after 4:30 on Thursday.

The Finance department's temporary location will be next to the new Human Resources area on the ground floor. If you should have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at ext. 7249. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Submitted by Kim Greene

New Expense Transfer/Income Transfer form announced

Please note that the Expense Transfer/Income Transfer form has been revised—a copy is included in this issue of the Natural News, and additional copies are available in the Mailroom.

Submitted by Dana Brink

MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 2000

KAFFEEKLATSCH MEETING

Joanna Surveyor, Human Resources: Year 2000 Field Museum Family Pass Cards for Staff & Volunteers will be issued in February with new colors and graphics. The staff time sheet was revised to include dates, the dates will allow the Museum to track the use of vacation, sick and holiday time. The time sheet also includes department and cost center account numbers. These account numbers will aid in budget tracking for each department. The time sheet was first used during the period ending 2/4/00.

Johanna Krynytzky, Education: Adult Classes are ongoing and those staff and volunteers who would like to volunteer to help with classes should contact Sandra Blake or Mark DeNardo at x7400.

From the Suggestion Box

Suggestion: "The planet earth in the Sue video presentation should be set to rotate in the correct direction. I think that the Field Museum's reputation is compromised when the visitors see the planet moving backwards." —Andy Pavasars, FP&O

Response: Thank you for your suggestion. It has been forwarded to Sophia Shaw, Director of Exhibits.

Kaffeeklatsch serves as an advisory group to the Administration about issues of a Museum-wide nature. Topics for discussion are generated by the Chair or any Kaffeeklatsch member. Membership is composed of 14 rotating representatives and a representative of the Personnel Committee. Members are selected from each administrative area. Each member serves a term of two years.
If you have any suggestions/comments, please submit them in the suggestion box by the operator on the ground floor.

Museum participates in Ground Hog Job Shadow Day

Last Wednesday, the Museum participated in a national job shadowing program in conjunction with America's Promise and the Junior Achievement. Eight seniors from DuSable High School spent the day learning about the workplace and careers at the Museum.

A special thank you to **Steve Nash, Elisa Aguilar-Kutza** and **Jon Rogers** of Anthropology, **Rodger Patience** of Development, **Margaret Metz** of ECP, **John Frazier** of Education, and **Maria Burns** and **Shawn VanDerziel** of Human Resources for sharing their day with these students and showing them what really happens here behind the scenes. For most of these students this was their first time at the Museum and a few even indicated they might want to work here some day.

If anyone is interested in participating in this program next year or similar programs, please contact me in Human Resources at ext. 7279.

Submitted by **Tracey Pilch**

It's Tax Time!

By now, you should have received the documents you will need to prepare your 1999 taxes. Following is information that may help you prepare your return and SAVE $$$ ON YOUR TAXES.

Check out the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) website for assistance in preparing your federal taxes. Go to http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/ for forms and publications. You can also pick up 1999 1040 and IL 1040 forms in the mail room!

See if you qualify for the federal **earned-income tax credit** program. You may be eligible for the tax credit if you are single and make less than $10,200 or a family with two or more children earning less that $30,580 annually. The plan provides a tax rebate (a credit to your bottom line tax bill!) of up to

$3,816. For more information, stop by an IRS office or call the Tax Assistance Program at 312-409-1555 or the Tax Counseling Project at 888-827-8511.

Kid Care Program

Do you insure your children under The Field Museum's health insurance? Did you know that you may be eligible to receive a refund through the state of Illinois and the federal government of the amount you pay to cover your children?

The Kid Care Rebate program is offered through the state and federal governments for employees that insure children through 18 years of age with health insurance through The Field Museum. Depending on your family size and your monthly income, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement of all or part of your health insurance premium for your children.

Family Size	KidCare Rebate Monthly Income Standards
1	$914 to $1,270
2	$1,227 to $1,705
3	$1,539 to $2,140
4	$1,852 to $2,575
5	$2,164 to $3,009

To get more information or an application, please stop by the Human Resources Office or call 1-800-226-0768.

How much could you receive per month?

Example:	
Your cost for HMO Family coverage per month (for employee and 3 children)	$98.00
Less monthly cost for just employee coverage	($28.00)
Amount to cover your 3 children	$70.00

You would receive $70.00 a month!!!
or $840.00 per year!!!

KUDOS

A *Science* magazine placement for Dan Brinkmeier

One of Dan Brinkmeier's illustrations appears in the February 4 issue of *Science* magazine in an article entitled "Earthmovers of the Amazon." Dan, who now works in the Natural Products Initiative office, did the painting last summer after returning from Bolivia (where he traveled with the *Science* writer). The painting shows what a mound site in the Llanos de Mojos may have looked like a couple thousand years ago. The article also cites our own Anna Roosevelt (Anthropology) as well. And we thought Dan only did funny little cartoons of Midwestern farmers!

YEAR 2000

Latest Draft 2/8/00

2000 FIELD MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS

ALWAYS CALL TO CONFIRM

ONLY DATES IN BOLD ARE CONFIRMED;
DATES IN ITALICS ARE STILL UNCONFIRMED

Coordinators: DF=David Foster x7373; AO= Ariel Orlov x7370; RG= Robin Groesbeck x7371; JdlP=Jeanelle de la Paz x7378; CH=Carrie Hageman x7295

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Yates Exhibition Center Main Level/ M-5E ("6") 5,500	Cartier -January 16		The Dead Sea Scrolls (Ticketed) March 10-June 11(94 days) AO Press Opening 3/7							Kremlin Gold (Ticketed) Oct 21-Mar 30, 01(161 days) DF Press Opening 10/17		
Yates Exhibition Center Main Level/ M-4E ("7") 4,500		Sounds from the Vaults September 4, 1999 - June 18, 2000								The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition Oct. 7 - Jan.14, 2001 (99 days) AO Press Opening 10/3		
Exhibition Center Upper Level/ U-8W ("34/38") 7,000 3,000	Chicago Bears - Jan. 3				Picturing *T.Rex:* Selections from the Lanzendorf Collection May 17-November 12, 2000 (180 days) RG			Americanos (split with MFACM) August 19-November 12, 2000 (86 days) AO Press Opening 8/15				
Exhibition Gallery Ground Level/ G-5E ("E") 5,000	Archimedes - Jan 3		Masks: Faces of Culture Feb. 19 - May 14, 2000 (86 days) Press Opening 2/21 DF						Star Wars Ticketed July 15-January 7, 2001 (177 days) RG Press Opening 7/11			
Webber Gallery/ M-8E 1,000		Hall 4 Construction							Kachinas *May 27 - Feb. 4, 2001* DF			
Searle Lounge/ U-9			Insects July 3, 1999 - March 21 AO						Sue in Searle CH May 17			
Permanent Exhibition openings									Sue In Stanley Field Hall			
Other Locations			Sue: The Inside Story May 29, 1999 - April 3									
Marae Gallery	Arapaho - *Jan. 9*				Africa: From Eritrea with Love January 22- July 2, 2000 (163 days) JdlP				CITY 2000 *Dates TBD* RG			
Special Programming Highlights			African Heritage	Earth Month						Celebration	Women's Board 10/20	

Exhibition Schedule

Prepared by Jeanelle de la Paz, x7378

(Finance Use Only) Month _____ SJE | 5 | | | |

EXPENSE TRANSFER/INCOME TRANSFER REQUEST

You must attach a copy of the detailed financial report showing the expense or income you want to transfer. With the exception of federal grants, expense transfers will not be done for amounts under $25.00.

Requestor: _____

Dept: _____ Date: _____ Ext. _____

From: (Where the expense/income is now)

Fund Group	Department	GL Code	Project	Fund	Amount

To: (Where the expense/income should go)

Fund Group	Department	GL Code	Project	Fund	Amount

Reason for Transfer _____

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Approvals: _____

Department/Fund Administrator Signature of requesting Department (Department or Fund where the expense/income is now): _____

Department/Fund Administrator Signature of requesting Department (Department or Fund where the expense/income will go): _____

Area Vice President (if transfer amount is over $5000): _____

For Finance use Only

Accounting/Audit Administrator Approval: _____

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February

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
On Going: School Programs (weekdays) Interpretive Stations Story Time (weekends) Gallery Tours Resource Centers Teacher Programs Harris Loan; SAM; SUE Prep Lab	UA Demonstrations (1 sat. per month) Adult Course (TBD) Family Workshop (TBD) Volunteer Training (TBD) Voices from the Field Lecture (TBD)	1 Intro to Botany 6 - 9pm The Two of US - 9:45 - 11:15 am & 1:30 - 3 pm	2 Nature Writing: Interesting Explanations6:30 - 9pm	3 Music Theater Workshop - 10 am Evolution of Bread 6 - 8:30pm Exploring World Movement 6 - 8pm Field Ecology: Winter 6:30 - 8pm Wole Soyinka - 6:30	4 Golden Apple Teachers' Overnight	5 Field Ecology: Winter 9am -noon African Heritage Festival 11am - 4pm AHF: A Poetry Happening 7:30 p.m. (100)
6 Nature Writing in America 10:00am - 12:30pm African Heritage Festival 11am - 4pm	7 African Heritage Festival 10am- 1pm Journey Through Africa School Program	8 Intro to Botany 6 - 9pm African Heritage Festival 10am- 1pm; Journey Through Africa School Program The Two of US - 9:45 - 11:15 am & 1:30 - 3 pm	9	10 Evolution of Bread 6 - 8:30pm Exploring World Movement 6 - 8pm	11 What's So Great About Dirt - 6 - 8pm (tent)	12 Recipes for the soil (tent) Ancient Egyptian Magic IV 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m./Love Potions 11:00am - 1:00pm Field Ecology :Winter 9am -noon/Changing Our Role 2:00pm/Releasing the Spirits of Sounds@2pm
13 Releasing the Spirits of Sounds@2pm	14	15 Egyptian Hieroglyphs 6:30 - 8:30pm Intro to Botany 6 - 9pm Sweet Chariot 10:00am The Two of US - 9:45 - 11:15 am & 1:30 - 3 pm	16 Egyptian History: Middle Kingdom 6:30 - 8:30pm Nature Writing: Interesting Explanations6:30 - 9pm My People 10:00am	17 Evolution of Bread 6 - 8:30pm Exploring World Movement 6 - 8pm	18 Dozin' -w- the Dinos Overnight 5:45pm - 9 am Road to Freedom 10:00am	19 African Odyssey 2:00pm Releasing the Spirits of Sounds@2pm UA Volunteer Training -9 am - 4 p.m. Redmoon Puppet Performance - 11, 12:30 & 1"30 p.m.; Family Fled Days - Masks All About Movement - 9:30 a.m.
20 Releasing the Spirits of Sounds@2pm Redmoon Puppet Performance - 11, 12:30 & 1"30 p.m. Family Fled Days - Masks Masks Curator Lecture - 2 p.m.	21 Redmoon School Puppet Workshop - 11 a.m.	22 Sue: Electronic Field Trip Egyptian Hieroglyphs 6:30 - 8:30pm Intro to Botany 6 - 9pm The Two of US - 9:45 - 11:15 am & 1:30 - 3 pm Redmoon School Puppet Workshop - 11 a.m.	23 Egyptian History6:30 - 8:30pm Nature Writing:6:30 Road to Freedom 10:00am Redmoon School Puppet Workshop - 11 a.m.	24 Evolution of Bread 6 - 8:30pm Exploring World Movement 6 - 8pm Field Ecology: Winter 6:30 - 8pm Teacher Orientation Action Lab - 4 - 6 pm Redmoon School Puppet Workshop - 11 a.m.	25 Dozin' -w- the Dinos Overnight 5:45pm - 9 am Piccolo VTS Field Trip Redmoon School Puppet Workshop - 11 a.m.	26 Field Ecology :Winter 9am - non; Releasing the Spirits of Sounds@2pm; UA Volunteer Training -9 am - 4 p.m.; Redmoon Puppet Performance - 11 & noon; Mask & Puppet Making Workshop - 2 p.m.; Scientists - 11 - 2
27 Releasing the Spirits of Sound - 2 p.m. Redmoon Puppet Performance - 11 & noon	28 The JASON Project	29 Anna Quindlen 6:00pm Egyptian Hieroglyphs 6:30 - 8:30pm The JASON Project My People 10:00am The Two of US - 9:45 - 11:15 am & 1:30 - 3 pm				*2/10/00*

We keep getting letters like this ...

My family has a Field Museum membership which we enjoy very much. Recently, we came for the Cartier jewels and found something even more exciting—Sounds from the Vault.

What a fabulous exhibit! We especially liked being able to see and hear the unusual instruments. I'm glad you extended it and hope you will consider making it a permanent exhibit.

Congratulations to the Museum's staff on such an exciting display!

Sincerely, Susan Zivich

Stores win design award ... again!

The Kid's Field Trip Store won an "Award of Merit" in the 1999 International Store Interior Design Competition, sponsored by Visual Merchandising and Store Design. The category the store was entered in was "Specialty Store, Sales Area under 500 square feet". This is the fourth design award for The Field Museum Stores.

Submitted by Laura Sadler

Feinman's electronic field trip garners responses from teachers

"Feinman in China" was a wonderful experience for our students. They eagerly awaited each of the field updates, charted where he was, and had many lively discussions based on what was written. It was a revelation to some of them to find that fieldwork did not resemble an Indiana Jones movie. Other students started investigating the field of anthropology because they thought that kind of work would be very "cool." The information about the people and locale gave insight into cultures that are quite different than ours, and helped to shrink the distance among our cultures and theirs a little bit. This was a very rewarding experience—one that we would certainly take advantage of again.

Kathy LaRocco, St. Bruno School

PROTECTION SERVICES

Use the right number for best service

The Department of Protection Services would like to remind all staff and volunteers to call **ext. 7999** for emergencies requiring security, police, fire or paramedic response. Do not call 911 directly.

Non-emergency calls should be directed to ext. 7985. Please do not use ext. 7999 except in emergency situations. Thank you for your cooperation!

Submitted by Jeffrey Hawkins

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Field Museum a regional partner for Africa summit

The National Summit on Africa will be held in Washington D.C. from February 16-20. As a regional partner, The Field Museum has complimentary passes to this event. For more information about the program, check the National Summit on Africa web site at www.africasummit.org or call Fay Hartog Levin at extension 7220.

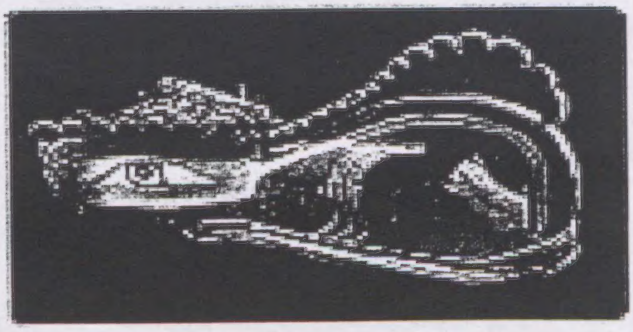
MetLife on-site quotes

A MetLife representative will be on-site on February 23 from 9:30-3:30 to conduct free, no obligation quotes on all the insurance plans they are offering staff and volunteers at special group rates (home, auto, renters, fire, etc.). If you are interested in learning about the rates available to you through the MetPay program, stop by the Campaign Center on the 23rd with your *declaration page from your current policy* to compare rates. If you have any questions, call Human Resources at ext. 7271.

Staff and Volunteer Preview

Masks: Faces of Culture

Friday, February 18, 10-11:30 am



Masks: Faces of Culture unites visual, cultural, and historic perspectives to present masks as works of art and icons of culture. This visually stunning exhibition illuminates the role of masks in human societies and the ways in which people use masquerade to invent, sustain, and renew culture. Included are more than one hundred masks and full costumes of all kinds from Africa, Asia, Europe, North and South America, the Caribbean, and Oceania, ranging from paleolithic times to contemporary Hollywood.

The staff preview will begin at 10 a.m. with a short presentation by Alaka Wali, academic advisor to the exhibition and David Foster, coordinator for the exhibition.

Metamorphosis:

The Origins of Jazz

The Adler Planetarium is pleased to present this musical performance in honor of African American History Month.

Saturday, February 12th,
7:30 to 10:00 PM
$15 per person
$12 for Adler Members or Volunteers

Food and drink available at Galileo's Cafe

The music we identify as jazz is an adaptation of the ancient African melodic system.

Join us for a musical metamorphosis of jazz performed by local musicians and dancers during this Valentine's weekend celebration at the Adler.

For more information or to purchase tickets in advance, please call (312) 322-0595.

Administration Renovation

MOVING

The Week of February 14th will bring many changes to the ground floor Administration area. To begin with by Monday, February 14th the **Facilities Planning & Operations** (FP&O) offices will be newly located in the former maintenance shop with its entrance across from the Housekeeping office. Also, if you have any needs the **FP&O Department** can help you with, please feel free to visit their intranet site to send electronic work order requests.

In addition, many offices will be moving to their temporary spaces the weekend of February 19 – 20. Among them will be the **Membership, Strategic Planning, Finance, Public Services and Protection Services Departments**. Please be aware that due to the move many of these departments may not be able to process special requests and may move up deadlines for items due. Phone numbers for individuals in each department will not change and you are welcome to call department contacts for more information regarding deadlines and due dates.

The **Membership, Strategic Planning, Finance, Public Services and Protection Services Departments**, as well as, Rob Vosper and Scott Marks - will be temporarily relocated into Hall 3. Hall 3 is located directly behind Corner Bakery, next to Stairwell 2 (the stairs are next to Fishes on the ground floor). Please use the stairwell to access these offices, rather than making a path through Corner Bakery.

Beginning Monday, February 21, the **Protection Services' Access Control Office** (formerly the Security Equipment Office) will be located in Hall 3. Electronic key box, ID, key and parking requests should be taken directly to their temporary space. For reasons of courtesy, please use stairwell 2 as much as possible. If you have questions regarding **Protection Services**, please call x7985.

The **Finance Department** will be temporarily relocated into the newly renovated section of the ground floor administrative area termed the "open area." This area is accessible from the corridor leading to Institutional Advancement and also the corridor leading to the cashier's cage. The cashier's cage will NOT move during this transition.

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All moves will be complete by the morning of Monday, February 21. For more information you are welcome to view the Administration Renovation bulletin board located in the President's Office or call Julie Baker at x7241.

The Field Museum Presents

Voices from the Field Keynote Lecture Series

An Evening with

Anna Quindlen

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for commentary, Anna Quindlen has written for some of America's most influential newspapers and magazines. In addition, many of her novels have shot to the top of the fiction and non-fiction best-seller lists. A former columnist for *The New York Times* and, most recently, a columnist for *Newsweek*, Quindlen has written three critically acclaimed best-selling novels: *Object Lesson, One True Thing* and *Black and Blue*. *One True Thing* was made into a feature film starring Meryl Streep while the television debut of *Black and Blue* recently aired on CBS. Striking a delicate balance between national affairs and personal ones, Quindlen will discuss choices and change in the 21st century.

Tuesday
February 29, 2000
6:00 p.m.

$18 general, $12 members,
$15 students and educators

Call (312)665-7400 to reserve your tickets today!

Additional Lectures in The Voices from the Field Series

Elaine Pagels & Michael Eric Dyson	*April 13; 6:30 p.m.*
Julie Taymor	*May 4; 6:30 p.m.*

The Field Museum salutes the people of Chicago for their long-standing, generous support of the Museum through the Chicago Park District.

This program is partially supported with funds from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

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